

MOSES LAKE CITY COUNCIL
January 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Council Member Myers in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam, Moses Lake, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Executive Secretary Sophia Guerrero called the roll. The following were:

Present: Mayor (Acting) Karen Liebrecht, and Council members Myers, Norman, Jackson, Riggs, Curnel, and Leonard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council member Don Myers led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE – NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Re-elected Council members David Curnel and Karen Liebrecht were sworn in.

SELECTION OF MAYOR

David Curnel nominated Karen Liebrecht for Mayor.

Nominations were closed. Council member Don Myers asked Council to raise their hands to vote Karen Liebrecht as Mayor. By a unanimous decision, Karen Liebrecht was elected Mayor.

Mrs. Liebrecht was sworn in as Mayor.

SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mike Norman nominated Ryann Leonard for Deputy Mayor.

Daryl Jackson nominated David Curnel for Deputy Mayor.

Nominations were closed. Mayor Karen Liebrecht asked Council to raise their right hand to vote Ryann Leonard as Deputy Mayor. One vote – yes

Mayor Karen Liebrecht asked Council to raise their right hand to vote for David Curnel for Deputy Mayor. By a vote of 4 – 1, Dr. David Curnel was elected Deputy Mayor.

SUMMARY REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORTS

Grant County Board of Health – Appointment Request

The Grant County Board of Health requested the appointment of a representative from the City Council to serve on their Board for the year 2018.

Action taken: Mayor Liebrecht asked Council to confirm Deputy Mayor David Curnel's reappointment to the Board, all in favor, aye, and unanimous decision.

Grant Transit Authority Board of Directors - Appointment Request

The Grant Transit Authority requested the appointment of a representative from the City Council to serve on their Board of Directors for the year 2018.

Action taken: Council member Jackson moved to reappoint Council member Don Myers to the Board of Directors, seconded by Council member Norman, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation Commission Reappointment Request

Mayor Liebrecht requested Council confirmation of the re-appointment of Charles Maynard to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Curnel moved to confirm the re-appointment, seconded by Council member Leonard, and passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Action taken: Council member Leonard moved to remove from the table, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee agenda item from the December 12, 2017 meeting for discussion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Curnel, and passed unanimously. Item will be assigned to 3A on the council agenda.

Council member Leonard requested a scheduled study session in the near future to discuss the Ambulance and FCS. City staff will contact Council to coordinate a date and time in the near future.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

New City Employee Introduction and Promotions

Deputy City Manager, Gil Alvarado, introduced Kris Robbins, Associate Planner to the Council.

Municipal Services Director, Fred Snoderly, introduced Dustin Roth, Wastewater Operator in Training to the Council. Mr. Snoderly also introduced newly promoted City employees Jerod Bradford as Design Engineer and Chad Strevy as Water Division Supervisor to the Council.

Kittleson Road Update

City Manager, John Williams updated Council regarding Kittleson Road. An agreement is being drafted between the City and Department of Natural Resources to have right of way to work on the road. The City will be going out to bid in the very near future and start construction on Kittleson Road.

Grant County Conservation District Update

The City received a confirmation letter from the Grant County Conservation District that the City of Moses Lake is no longer a participant of the GC Conservation District.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

- #1**
- a. Minutes: The minutes of the December 21, 2017 special meeting were presented for approval.
 - b. Approval of Claims, Prepaid Claims, Checks, and Payroll: Vouchers audited and certified by the Finance Director as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims, certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Council for approval and is retained for public inspection at the Civic Center. As of January 9, 2018 the Council does approve for payment claims in the amount of \$1,033,957.57; prepaid claim checks in the amount of \$20,920.19, \$9,993.20, \$54,371.92, and \$610.85; claim checks in the amount of \$612,487.84; and payroll in the amount of \$330,532.41 and \$7,468.55.
 - c. Authorize City Manager to Execute Industrial Waste Discharge Permit No. 25
Authorization was requested for the City Manager to sign an industrial waste discharge permit for Grant County Fairgrounds.
 - d. Resolution – Accept Street & Utility Improvements – Crossroads North Phase 4MP
A resolution was presented which accepts and utility improvements constructed as part of the Crossroads North Phase IV Major Plat.
 - e. Request for Deferral – Olin Development Short Plat
A request to allow a deferral for all street and utility improvements associated with the Olin Short Plat. The proponent wishes to delay such improvements until such time as the site is ready for development.
 - f. Ambulance Remount Equipment No. 386
Equipment 386 is due for replacement or remount. The remount is the least expensive option. The 2018 Budget would need to be adjusted for the purchase in the amount of \$154,892.61 from Life Line Emergency Vehicles.

Action Taken: Council member Leonard moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Deputy Mayor Curnel, and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

#2 Ordinance – Amend MLMC 10.12 Parking Regulations

An ordinance was presented which amends the Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 10.12 Parking Regulations.

An ordinance amending Chapter 10.12 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code prohibiting parking on the west side of Coolidge Street and both sides of Plum Street from Juniper Drive to Coolidge Street was read in its entirety.

Considerable discussion from Council and City Staff

Action taken: Council Member Jackson moved to accept Ordinance No. 2887 as presented, seconded by Council Member Leonard, and passed unanimously.

#3 Ordinance – Amend MLMC 18.20 Residential Zones

An ordinance was presented which amends the Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 18.20 Residential Zones.

An ordinance amending Chapter 18.20 of the Moses Lake Municipal Code allowing multi-family development roof pitch be left to the development community to decide current trends and benefits with design was read in its entirety.

Considerable discussion from Council and City Staff.

Action taken: Council member Norman moved to accept Ordinance No. 2888 as presented, seconded by Deputy Mayor Curnel, and passed unanimously.

#3a. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Requests for 2018

Item was removed from the table (December 12, 2017) – See Additional Items at beginning of meeting

At the December 12, 2017, council meeting, Mayor Liebrecht moved to withdraw and table the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce requests for a future study session, gather more information on how the money is being spent. A study session was conducted on January 9, 2018 before the regular council meeting, to discuss the Chamber of Commerce requests. The following was up for discussion:

The Moses Lake Lodging Tax Advisory Committee considered the funding requests for 2018 and recommended that the following requests be approved:

1.	ML Spring Festival	Festival	\$15,000
2.	ML Business Assoc.	Art/Wine Festival	\$5,000
3.	ML Business Assoc.	Tree Lighting	\$2,000
4.	Central Basin Comm. Concert	Concert Series	\$5,000
5.	Col. Basin Allied Arts	Theatre Series	\$15,000
6.	Chamber of Commerce	Freedom Festival	\$50,000
7.	Chamber of Commerce	Visitor Info Center Operation	\$50,000
8.	Chamber of Commerce	ML Advertising Campaign 2018	\$109,000
9.	Seattle Outboard Assoc.	Hydroplane Natl Championship	\$3,000
10.	Moses Lake BMX	Redesign & rebuild track	\$1,000

Considerable discussion regards to the tourism advertising, operation, and the needs of the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Public Input: Anne Fisher, 2225 S. Crestmont Dr., Moses Lake, WA was in favor of LTAC funding recommendations for the Chamber of Commerce.

Tera Redwine, 974 Rd 3 NE, Moses Lake, WA was in favor of LTAC funding recommendations for the Chamber of Commerce.

Tim Molitor, 4239 Edwards Dr., Moses Lake, WA shares his appreciation the Chamber of Commerce's willingness to advertise Moses Lake's tourism and the hotel/motel tax being invested back into Moses Lake.

Action taken: Council member Leonard moved to grant LTAC funding for the Chamber of Commerce's requests – Freedom Festival \$50,000, Visitor Info Center Operation \$50,000, and the ML Advertising Campaign 2018 \$109,000, seconded by Council member Norman, and passed with a vote of 6-1. Nay – Mayor Liebrecht.

NEW BUSINESS

#4 Ordinance – Amend MLMC Chapter 18.65 Manufactured Home Parks

An ordinance was presented which amends the Moses Lake Municipal Code Chapter 18.65 Manufactured Home Parks.

An ordinance amending MLMC 18.65.220 Roads and Streets of the Manufactured Home Parks Chapter was presented as recommended by the Planning Commission. The recommendation was to allow two-way road widths at a minimum of twenty-four feet (24') in width, with three feet (3') wide asphalt walking lane adjacent to the road.

Considerable discussion from City Staff and Council.

No action taken, 1st presentation.

#5 Request Authorization to Add Cameras to Redflex System

Police Chief, Kevin Fuhr requested from Council, authorization to add four additional Redflex Red Light Cameras to the city's system. Two of the cameras would be placed northbound and southbound on Stratford Ave at the private drive to Walmart and Winco. The other two additional cameras would be placed northbound and southbound on Pioneer Way at Hill Street.

Chief Fuhr also stated these two intersections are responsible for 35 accidents in the past 3 years. After conducting a traffic survey at each intersection, which involved a 12 hour video survey, the intersection at Stratford Road and private drive recorded 73 violations and the intersection at Pioneer Way and Hill Street recorded 78 violations. If authorization is granted, four additional Redflex Red Light Cameras would have a positive impact on the two intersections and reducing the number of accidents and violations.

Considerable discussion from Council and City Staff.

Action taken: Council member Jackson moved to authorize the City Manager to contract with Redflex Systems for have four additional red light cameras installed, seconded by Council member Norman, motion failed with a vote of 3 – 4. Nay – Mayor Liebrecht, Deputy Mayor Curnel, Council members Leonard and Myers.

The consensus from Council is to bring back data regarding the timing of the lights at the intersection of Stratford Road and the private drive to Walmart and Winco at the next council meeting and to move forward allowing 2 cameras to be installed at the intersection of Pioneer Way and Hill Street.

Action taken: Council member Norman moved to authorize 2 cameras to be installed at the intersection of Pioneer Way and Hill Street, seconded by Council member Jackson, motion passed with a vote of 5 – 2. Nay – Deputy Mayor Curnel and Council member Myers.

#6 Resolution – Repealing Vehicle License Fee

The Transportation Benefit District Board adopted a resolution to collect a \$20.00 vehicle license fee beginning in October of 2017 for the purpose of street repair, construction and maintenance. In addition, the board also made the decision to place a sales tax proposition on the November ballot to approve the 0.2% increase. City Council stated in Resolution 3 that if the proposition were approved, they would repeal the vehicle license fee. Vehicle license fee collection will be discontinued on March 31, 2018.

The resolution repealing Resolution No. 2 of the Moses lake Transportation Benefit District Board Authorizing a Vehicle License Fee was read by title only.

Action taken: Deputy Mayor Curnel moved to adopt Resolution No. 3716 as presented, seconded by Council member Ryann Leonard, and passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Department of Ecology – Shoreline Master Program

Deputy City Manager, Gil Alvarado informed Council that City Staff received a notice from the Department of Ecology to start working on the Shoreline Master Program. DOE also gave 5 WA State counties an option for an extension and the City of Moses Lake falls into that option. The City can extend their 2018 deadline to the year 2020. The consensus from Council is to extend to the year 2020.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm and the Council met in a 20 minute executive session with the City Attorney under RCW 42.30.110 (c) and (i) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency potential litigation with no action to follow.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:20 pm and the regular meeting was reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Karen Liebrecht, Mayor

ATTEST

Cindy Jensen, Finance Director